

MAINE EMS EDUCATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

Date: Wednesday, October 11, 2006
Member Present: D. Batsie (Chairman), S. Smith (MEMS Staff), R. Overlock, D. Boucher, D. Palladino, R. Petrie
Absent: C. Pilsbury (MEMS Board Liaison), P. Farrington, R. Chase, , S. Diaz, M. Barter, D. Cornelio, B. Davis, D. Robishaw, S. Stewart-Dore, L. Delano, B. Zito, J. Wellman, B. Chamberlin, S. Latulippe, D. Russell
Guests: Donnie Carroll (For Liz Delanoe SMEMS)

Note: *No quorum*

Timekeeper/Scribe: D. Batsie

Meeting Opened at: 1300

1) Introductions

- a) Introductions all around

2) Review of 9/06 Minutes

- a) **NO MOTION TO ACCEPT, NO QUORUM**

3) Old Business

a) NAAK/Mark I Kits

- i) John Bastin not present.
- ii) Topic tabled to next month's meeting
- iii) **NO RELATED MOTIONS**
- iv) **ACTION:** *Batsie will forward any new info from Bastin*

b) PIFT Update (Batsie)

- i) Batsie noted that the education piece is being updated.
 - (1) Palladino has completed pharmacology update.
 - (a) Batsie will add this work to lesson plan
 - (2) Smith is working on revisions to pre-course packet
 - (3) All revisions will be submitted to Edcom.
 - (a) Target date for all revisions is 11/8
- ii) Operations team update
 - (1) Ops team addressed who can teach PIFT
 - (a) Amended Edcom recommendation to:
 - (i) Current MEMS IC *AND* approval of regional medical director
 - (b) Suggested another class be added to train more IC's
 - (i) Note: Samoset class will serve to train additional IC's

(ii) **ACTION:**

1. *Batsie will coordinate with Smith to schedule a central class and potentially a Northern Maine class*
2. *Batsie will contact Jacky Vaniotis to notify all IC's of upcoming PIFT opportunities*

(c) Palladino inquired when “non-beta” training could commence

(i) Board approval will be required first.

(ii) PIFT on agenda for Nov. board meeting.

(iii) Training should not commence until after board approval

iii) Ops team set “go live date” as 12/1/06

(1) Providers may use new training as of that date

iv) Ops team set “drop dead date” as 4/1/07

(1) Old PIFT will end as of that date

v) **ACTION:** *Smith (MEMS) will draft language to submit to services to notify of changes*

vi) Ops team discussed service PIFT application process

(1) MEMS will draft service PIFT application similar to that of Epi pen program

(a) Application will require:

(i) Explanation of QI system

(ii) Service medical director approval

(iii) Regional medical director acknowledgement of satisfactory participation in regional QA/QI plan

vii) Smith developing hospital PIFT education piece

(1) **ACTION: Smith will follow up at next meeting**

viii) MEMS will keep a central data base of PIFT providers

(1) Rosters to be sent to MEMS

(2) MEMS will update regional offices with this database

ix) PIFT standardized continuing education hours

(1) 2 hours category 1, 6 hours category 4, 2 hours category 5

x) **NO RELATED MOTIONS**

c) EZ IO Update

i) MEMS will compile central list of IC's who have taken the IO course

ii) Batsie reviewed of who can teach the IO class

(1) IC's who have taken the IO class or appointees by regional medical directors

(2) Note: although EZ IO is often reviewed in ACLS, PALS and similar classes, this review does not qualify IC's to teach IO class.

(a) Must be a dedicated IO class

(3) There is no “train the trainer”

iii) Region 2 voiced concerned to Smith requesting all IC's be trained in IO

(1) Discussion ensued

(2) Smith noted that ALS curriculum must be updated soon and will include many topics

- (3) Vision is an eventual instructor update to include all curriculum changes after curriculum has been changed rather than single and specific updates.
- iv) **NO RELATED MOTIONS**

d) Accreditation

- i) Batsie reminded members of the accreditation retreat **scheduled for Tuesday 10/31 0900**
- ii) **ACTION: Members with accreditation research should be prepared to present findings at retreat**
- iii) **NO RELATED MOTIONS**

4) New Business

a) American Heart Association Change Memo (S. Smith)

- i) Batsie raised concern over memo MEMS distributed regarding AHA changes
 - (1) Requesting clarification on what is appropriate standard of care; MEMS protocol or current AHA guidelines
- ii) Discussion ensued
- iii) Issue redirected to MDPB
- iv) **NO RELATED MOTIONS**

b) CEH Credit for Academic work (S. Smith)

- i) Smith presented new MEMS policy regarding translating college level academic work to continuing education credit
 - (1) Boucher concerned over consistency of contact hour vs. credit hour
 - (a) Various schools use differing models
 - (b) Smith noted he would strike reference to contact hour equivalency and examine on a case by case basis
- ii) **NO RELATED MOTIONS**

Meeting adjourned 1600 *Next Meeting 10/31 0900*